WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Eligibility for appointment of Chairman, Shradhanand College

*564. SHRI AMAR SINGH :
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESORUCE DEVELOPMENT be pleasec to state :

(a) what are the qualifications laid down for appointment as Chairman of the Governing Body of Swami Shradhanand College, affiliated to the Delhi University; and

(b) whether the present Chairman of Governing Body of the said college fulfils the minimum qualification laid down under the rules and if not, what is the reaction of Government in regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) The Chairman is elected from amongst the members of Governing Body of the college. As per guidelines issued by the Executive Council of the Delhi University, the members of the Governing Body should preferably be graudates.

(b) The present Chairman of the Governing Body of Swami Shradhanand College is not a Graduate.

Primary Health Centres

†565. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK :
PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Government primary health centres opened so far in villages and what is the number of such centres which are functional ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the doctors still do not visit the rural Government primary health centres; if so, what would be the condition of the health centres opened and of the treatment of the rural population ; and

(c) if not, the reaction of Government on the news-item published in "Hindustan" on 8th April, 2000 under the caption "Ganwon mein doctor nahin jate, swasthya mantralaya lachar"?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N. T. SHANMUGAM) : (a) The total number of Government primary health centres functioning in rural areas are 23179. A State-wise break-up of primary health centres is given in the annexed statement (*See* below).

(b) Recruitment and deployment of doctors at the primary health centres is the responsibilty of State Governments. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been frequently urging the State Governments to : (1) resort to decentralized recruitment to fill-up vacancies of doctors, (ii) to improve infrastructure facilites for doctors so as to reduce their hardships, (iii) consider reserving a minimum of 25 % of post-graduate seats for in-service Medical Officers who have put in a minimum of three years of service in rural areas with a bond that they will serve Government at least for five years, (iv) fill-up vacancies of doctors by making rural service obligatory for three years, (v) appoint doctors on contract basis wherever feasible.

(c) Government is aware of the news item. Specific action to motivate the medical fraternity to seriously attend to their responsibilities in the primary health centres lies with the State Governments, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare keeps urging State Government to be more vigilant.

Additionally, Government has approved the National Population Policy 2000 which contains innumerable interventions to increase the numbers and categories of health care providers in rural areas, in order to improve coverage and out-reach.

STATEMENT

Number of Primary Health Centres Functioning in the Country

1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1636
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	45
3.	Assam	619
4.	Bihar	2209
5.	Goa	17
6.	Gujarat	967

1	2	3
7.	Haryana	401
8.	Himachal Pradesh	312
9.	J & K	337
10.	Karnataka	1601
11.	Kerala	960
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1690
13.	Maharashtra	1699
14.	Manipur	69
15.	Meghalaya	85
16.	Mizoram	38
17.	Nagaland	33
18.	Orissa	1352
19.	Punjab	484
20.	Rajasthan	1662
21.	Sikkim	24
22.	Tamil Nadu	1436
23.	Tripura	58
24.	Uttar Pradesh	3808
25.	West Bengal	1556
26.	A & N Islands	17
27.	Chandigarh	—
28.	D & N Haveli	6
29.	Daman & Diu	3
30.	Delhi	8
31.	Lakshadweep	4
32.	Pondicherry	43
	All India	23179

(Figures are provisional)